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Amendments to the Drawings

The replacement sheets of drawings attached hereto as **Exhibit A** include changes to, and replace, Figures 1-6 of the original sheets of drawings. Figures 1-6 are now labeled as prior art.

Attachment. replacement sheets of drawings for Figures 1-6

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REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 10, 2007. Claims 1-18 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 12 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, dependent claims 5, 7 and 8 have been amended to depend from claim 2 (instead of from now-canceled claim 1), claims 13-18 have been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, claims 2-11 and 13-18 are now pending, with claims 2, 10, 11 and 13-18 being in independent form.

The drawings were objected to as having informalities. More specifically, the Office Action indicates that Figures 1-6 need to be indicated as "Prior Art".

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Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claims 12, 13, and 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly based on a disclosure that is not enabling. Claims 14, 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as purportedly directed to non-statutory subject matter.

By this Amendment, claim 12 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 13-18 have been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter.

Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5-7, 10, 12-14 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as purportedly anticipated by D. Taubman, "High performance scalable image compression with EBCOT," Image Processing, IEEE Transactions on, vol.9, no.7, pp. 1158-1170, July 2000. Claims 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly unpatentable over Taubman in view of

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JPEG2000 Part I Final Committee Draft Version 1.0. Claims 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,867,602 to Zandi et al.

Independent claims 2 (method) and 11 (apparatus) were not rejected based on the cited art. Therefore, it is understood that they are now allowable.

Independent claims 10 and 13-18 have been amended to include features similar to claims 2 and 11, and therefore are submitted to be now allowable as well.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 2, 10, 11 and 13-18, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentable over the cited art.

In view of the amendments to the claims and remarks hereinabove, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the allowance of the application.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT A

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